

Welcome to BGSU's Steps to Success for New International Graduate Students

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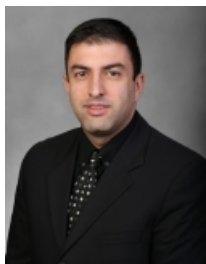
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Webinar Instructions

- Participants will be muted, however you can ask questions by typing directly into the question box
- Individual questions will be addressed throughout the presentation and at the end of the webinar
- Agenda for the webinar
 - BGSU Overview
 - Admissions Requirements
 - Visa Process
 - Orientation
 - English Placement Test
 - Moving to Bowling Green
 - Tuition and Fees
 - Start Classes

BGSU Overview

- Public university founded in 1910
- Located 30 minutes south of Toledo, Ohio
- Campus comprises over 1,300 acres and 119 buildings
- 19,000+ students from 50 states and 80 countries
- Nearly 2,700 graduate students in 75+ programs



BGSU Overview



Next Steps for International Graduate Students

Step 1: Obtain admission to BGSU – Congratulations!

- Complete the Next Steps form linked from the admission decision letter in the application portal
- Set up your BGSU account and email address to receive additional information throughout the summer
- Request or submit official transcripts and diplomas from universities where degrees were earned – these can be mailed or hand-delivered when you arrive on campus
- Funding questions should be directed to the academic departments. There is also a website that lists all [general assistantships](#)

Next Steps for International Graduate Students

Step 2: Scan the following required documents to iss@bgsu.edu:

- Copy of passport information page
- [Financial statement](#) and supporting evidence, such as a copy of your (or your sponsor's) bank statements, affidavits of support, or certificate of loan
 - If your intended program is one year in duration, please use this [financial statement](#).
- Copy of US visa (if you have one)
- Copy of US I-20 form (if you have one)

Next Steps for International Graduate Students

Step 3: Request that your I-20 be [shipped](#) to you

Step 4*: Pay the [SEVIS fee](#)

Step 5*: Apply for your passport (if needed) and [U.S. visa](#)

Step 6*: Notify BGSU when you obtain your U.S. visa by scanning a copy of the visa to iss@bgsu.edu

**For transfer students from a U.S. institution, you will not need to complete steps 4-6; instead, please complete the [transfer in form](#) with the assistance of the International Student Advisor at your current school.*

Next Steps for International Graduate Students

Step 7: Complete the Financial Responsibility Agreement form (located in your MyBGSU “to-do list”)

Step 8: Review the [orientation program](#) information and confirm your orientation plans [here](#). (August 14-16)

All students are required to attend the mandatory orientation program.

Step 9: Secure housing using the assistance of BGSU’s [Off-Campus Housing Office](#)

Step 10: Learn about mandatory student [health insurance](#) purchased through AETNA

Next Steps for International Graduate Students

Step 11: Follow us on [Facebook](#) where you can meet other international students, learn about BGSU, and ask questions you might have in this open forum. You can also connect with current international students by emailing our International Student Ambassadors at ambassadors@bgsu.edu

Step 12: Arrange your flight (or other form of transportation) plans to BGSU. We recommend that you fly into Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW)

Next Steps for International Graduate Students

Step 13: Request airport shuttle transportation and make hotel accommodations, if needed (Free Shuttle from DTW between August 11-14, must sign up online)

Please note that we highly encourage students to arrive 2-4 days before orientation begins, especially if you need to secure off-campus housing. Hotel information can be found online

Step 14: Attend an [EducationUSA](#) pre-departure orientation in your home country

Step 15: Familiarize yourself with American higher education and expectations on [academic honesty](#)

Next Steps for International Graduate Students

After you Arrive at BGSU

Step 16: Attend [International Student Orientation](#) and [Graduate Student Orientation](#)

Step 17: Complete your English placement test
This test is for placement into degree level English classes, not ESL.

Step 18: Complete the required health screening at [Falcon Health Center](#)

Step 19: Begin classes at BGSU!

Tuition and Fees

- Graduate tuition among the lowest in the region
- Approximately \$27,500* total for two year programs
 - Tuition and fees
 - Books and school supplies
 - Room and board
 - Health insurance
 - Affordable cost of living in northwest Ohio

* Estimate \$41,000 for one year programs such as MSA, MBA, Financial Economics

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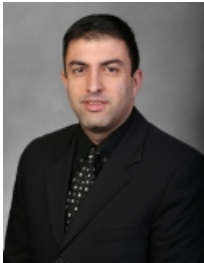


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